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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Michael J. Sullivan  
FOR : IMPROVED MULTI-LAYER GOLF BALL  
SERIAL NO. : 09/121,628  
FILED : July 23, 1998  
EXAMINER : D. Buttner  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518  
October 2, 2001

NOTICE OF DECISION ON APPEAL OF RELATED CASE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.192(C)(2) and § 1.192(c)(8)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Appellant, Spalding Sports Worldwide, Inc., recently received a decision in its favor in an appeal of a rejection in U.S. application Serial No. 08/815,556, filed March 12, 1997, entitled "Improved Multi-Layer Golf Ball."

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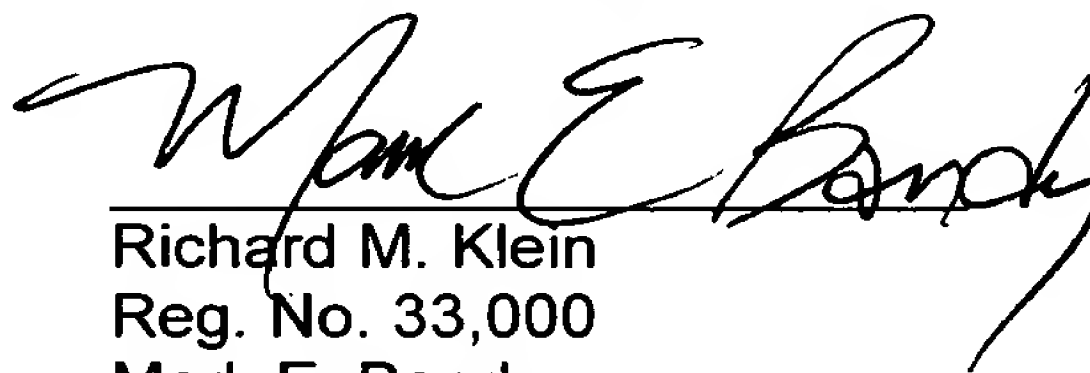
In that decision, the Board of Patent Appeals reversed an Examiner's rejection under § 103 on grounds that the rejection was based on improper hindsight reconstruction.

The present application claims priority upon the '556 application. And so, a decision in that case is believed to be relevant in the appeal of the present application.

Accordingly, Appellant wishes to bring to the attention of the Board, the recent favorable decision in Appellant's '556 application.

Respectfully submitted,

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